

V.P. Singh presents cabinet

NEW DELHI (AP) — Prime Minister Vishwanath Pratap Singh, who swept Rajiv Gandhi out of office with a pledge to fight corruption, presented a new council of ministers Tuesday that includes three of Gandhi's former ministers. Out of office were administered to 15 cabinet ministers and two lower-level ministers of state. Together they comprise the core of ministers, along with Singh and Deputy Prime Minister Devi Lal who was sworn in Saturday. No portfolios were announced during the delayed hand-over ceremony, planned over by President Rama Manohar. It would be announced Wednesday. No new ministers would be announced later. The new ministers include Gandhi's estranged cousin and his former minister of state for home affairs, Arun Nehru; ex-Tourism Minister Mufti Mohammad Sayeed; and ex-minister of State for Industry, Arif Mohammad Khan. The ministers of state included Maneka Gandhi, Gandhi's estranged sister-in-law. Twelve of the ministers announced Tuesday are members of Singh's Janata Dal.

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Badran to announce cabinet today

AMMAN (J.T.) — Prime Minister Muader Badran said Tuesday that he would announce the new government in the next 24 hours. In a statement carried by the Jordan News Agency, Petra, Badran said that, in accordance with the democratic life and the prevailing democratic climate in the country, he was continuing consultations to form his government. His Majesty King Hussein Monday named Badran to head the



Muader Badran

new government after accepting the resignation of Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker.

N. Yemeni leader to visit Amman

By Miriam M. Shahin

Jordan Times Staff Writer

AMMAN — In what appears to be the latest development in moves towards unity of the two Yemenis, North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh is scheduled to pay a two-day visit to Jordan this week to discuss with His Majesty King Hussein his country's announced plans to merge with South Yemen.

Jordan and North Yemen are two of the four founding members of the Arab Co-operation Council (ACC), which was formed last February along with Egypt and Iraq. The council has left the door open for other Arab states to join in, and South Yemen has said that its entry to the regional economic bloc was contingent on the unity of the two Yemeni states.

An official spokesman at the North Yemeni embassy here said Tuesday that the North Yemeni president was returning to North Yemen. Bilateral issues as well as matters related to the ACC will also be discussed between the King and the North Yemeni president, the spokesman added.

According to the spokesman, "the exact date for the president's visit will only be known tomorrow (Wednesday)." Other reports have indicated

that the North Yemeni president was due here Thursday.

South Yemen's entry to the ACC was also believed to have been discussed during South Yemeni President Haider Abu Bakr Al Attas's visit to Jordan in October.

According to Kuwait's Al Siyassah daily, the King and President Saleh would "review the Yemenis' unity and preparations for the merger."

A joint statement on unity plans was made during a news conference in Aden, the South Yemeni capital, on Dec. 1 by visiting North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh and the secretary general of South Yemen's ruling Yemeni Socialist Party, Ali Saleh Al Beidi.

The announcement of the agreement in Aden came as South Yemen was celebrating its 22nd anniversary of independence from Britain. Sanaa and Aden have signed a draft unity constitution which will be submitted to the legislative assemblies of the two countries for ratification within the next six months.

Sanan and Aden began exploring the possibility of unity in 1971 but did not agree to the basic principles of unity until last May. Official representatives of the two governments had been meeting since then to work out the details of unification.

Sudanese peace talks end without accord

NAIROBI (Agencies) — Peace talks between Sudanese rebels and the Khartoum government collapsed Tuesday in disagreement over the basic issues that have kept them at war for nearly seven years.

"In my opinion, neither side came to Nairobi prepared to take the difficult steps necessary for peace," said former U.S. President Jimmy Carter, who acted as an unofficial mediator in the five days of negotiations.

"Both sides, at the end, seemed ready to emphasise their

differences, postpone further action and let the war continue," Carter told a news conference, adding:

"There is no telling how many hundreds of thousands of people will die because these two sides have failed to reach an agreement."

Both Carter and the chief negotiator for the Sudan People's Liberation Army, Dr. Lam Akol, said the talks broke down principally over the government's failure to address the question of Sudan's Sharia law.

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Honecker, inner circle under house arrest

EAST BERLIN (Agencies) — Former Communist Party chief Erich Honecker and other members of his ousted leadership have been placed under house arrest at their luxury residential compound, the official news agency ADN said Tuesday.

Earlier, East Germany's chief prosecutor resigned following mounting criticism that he was incapable of leading an investigation into alleged widespread corruption during Honecker's years in power.

ADN said "all former politburo members who after Oct. 19 were no longer members of the politburo" and who are still in Wandlitz were under house arrest. Honecker lost his job in a major power reshuffle Oct. 18.

ADN did not specify the number under house arrest in Wandlitz, the residential compound north of Berlin that has become a symbol of corruption and abuses

of the past.

"The former general secretary (of the Communist Party) and president, Erich Honecker, is among those who are not allowed to leave their houses in the elegant compound," ADN reported.

Wandlitz has 23 houses, once filled with politburo members and their families.

The 77-year-old Honecker has been in ill health following gallbladder surgery last summer, and had been a virtual recluse in Wandlitz even before the house arrest was announced.

Honecker and his inner circle are under investigation for suspected corruption while three former politburo members are already in prison pending investigation.

Hours before Honecker's confinement was revealed, Prosecutor-General Guenter Wendland resigned after being showered with complaints that he acted too

Jordan Times

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Minority role for Czech Communists

PRAGUE (R) — Czechoslovakia's pro-democracy movement forced the Communist Party to accept a minority role in the Czech regional government. Tuesday for the first time since it was set up in 1968, Communist Prime Minister Frantisek Pita remained in office at the head of an administration in which seven other Communists were outnumbered by five independent ministers. The move to each from the Socialist and People's parties. Political sources said the combination of the government was a victory for the Civic Forum opposition movement which is also demanding a cut in the number of Communists in the cabinet of federal Prime Minister Ladislav Adamec. Portfolios in the regional government were hastily reorganized after the extent of popular opposition to Adamec's new government became apparent, they added. Communist leaders bowed to multiplying protests for the party to share power after almost three weeks of political crisis and demands for democratic reform.

Hrawi pledges to seek Syrian pullout**Violence renews Lebanon tension**

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Violence flared in Beirut and other parts of Lebanon Tuesday, and President Elias Hrawi pledged to ask Syria to withdraw its 40,000 troops if his government can restore its authority over the war-torn country.

Police said 20 people were wounded in fighting in Beirut and South Lebanon between the Syrian-backed Amal militia and the pro-Iranian Hezbollah.

Four warplanes blasted Palestinian bases near Sidon, provincial capital of South Lebanon, in Israel's 17th air raid into Lebanon this year. Seven people were wounded.

The Israeli-backed, Christian-officered South Lebanon Army shelled the market town of Nabatiyeh and the nearby village Hadatha, north of Israel's self-designated "security zone," with howitzers. Eleven people were wounded.

Two civilians suffered minor shrapnel wounds in east Beirut during skirmishes between General Michel Aoun's troops and Syrian-backed militias.

Security sources said Syrian troops, whom Aoun has vowed to drive from the country, took no part in the fighting.

Hrawi, elected president 12 days ago with Syria's backing, was threatened to oust Aoun by force from the presidential palace in the enclave. But he said last Friday he hoped mediation would defuse the crisis.

Hrawi was quoted Tuesday as

saying we would ask Damascus to withdraw its troops from certain areas when he had extended his authority to the Christian enclave.

"This will take place as soon as possible," he told Beirut's independent Al Nahar newspaper.

"We are peace seekers. But if others want to provoke a war for other parties' interests, we will quell it with all the means available to us."

Aoun told Britain's Channel Four television station that he wanted diplomatic mediation to end his struggle with Syria.

Skirmishes across Beirut's green lines panicked the population which fears the political crisis between Hrawi and Aoun might plunge the country into another round of savage artillery duels.

The streets of Beirut were deserted after the first few rounds of gunfire echoed at midday (1000 GMT). Many residents ran straight to bomb shelters.

SLA gunners shelled South Lebanon for the fourth consecutive day.

Security sources said they wounded seven people in the village of Brasheet, just outside Israel's self-declared "security zone."

Five people were killed and more than 18 wounded in SLA attacks on Nabatiyeh Monday.

The Foreign Ministry said Lebanon has protested to the U.N. Security Council the bombardments of Nabatiyeh and surrounding villages, blaming the attacks on Israel, which controls the 2,500-strong SLA.

'No specific superpower decision in Malta'**Kelly hopes for agreement on Mideast peace talks soon**

CAIRO (Agencies) — A senior American official said Tuesday he hopes for an agreement "in the near future" on initiating Middle East peace talks.

However, John Kelly, an assistant secretary of state, indicated Washington does not consider it has Egypt's last word on a U.S.-proposed plan to do that, despite Cairo's insistence it has nothing more to say.

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But he refused to characterize what Egyptian officials have described as Cairo's final answer to the Baker plan. The document, which embodies the position of the Palestine Liberation Orga-

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A leading U.S. expert on the Middle East, Martin Indyk, said in Tel Aviv last week that changes sweeping Eastern Europe would diminish Israel's strategic importance to the United States, which supplies \$3 billion a year in aid.

Palestinians in the occupied territories called the U.S.-Soviet rapprochement and said closer ties between the superpowers weakened Israel's stance.

"This will and should influence Israel's policy towards the whole conflict and thus Israel should be more willing to compromise," Ziad Abu Zayyad, a leading West Bank Palestinian figure, told Reuters.

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Government newspapers had raged at his failure to stop the party's top foreign trade official Alexander Schalck-Golodowski from fleeing the country even though reporters had provided dossiers on his apparent misdeeds two weeks ago.

Offices and safes of former officials were placed under guard to prevent them from destroying or spirit away documents.

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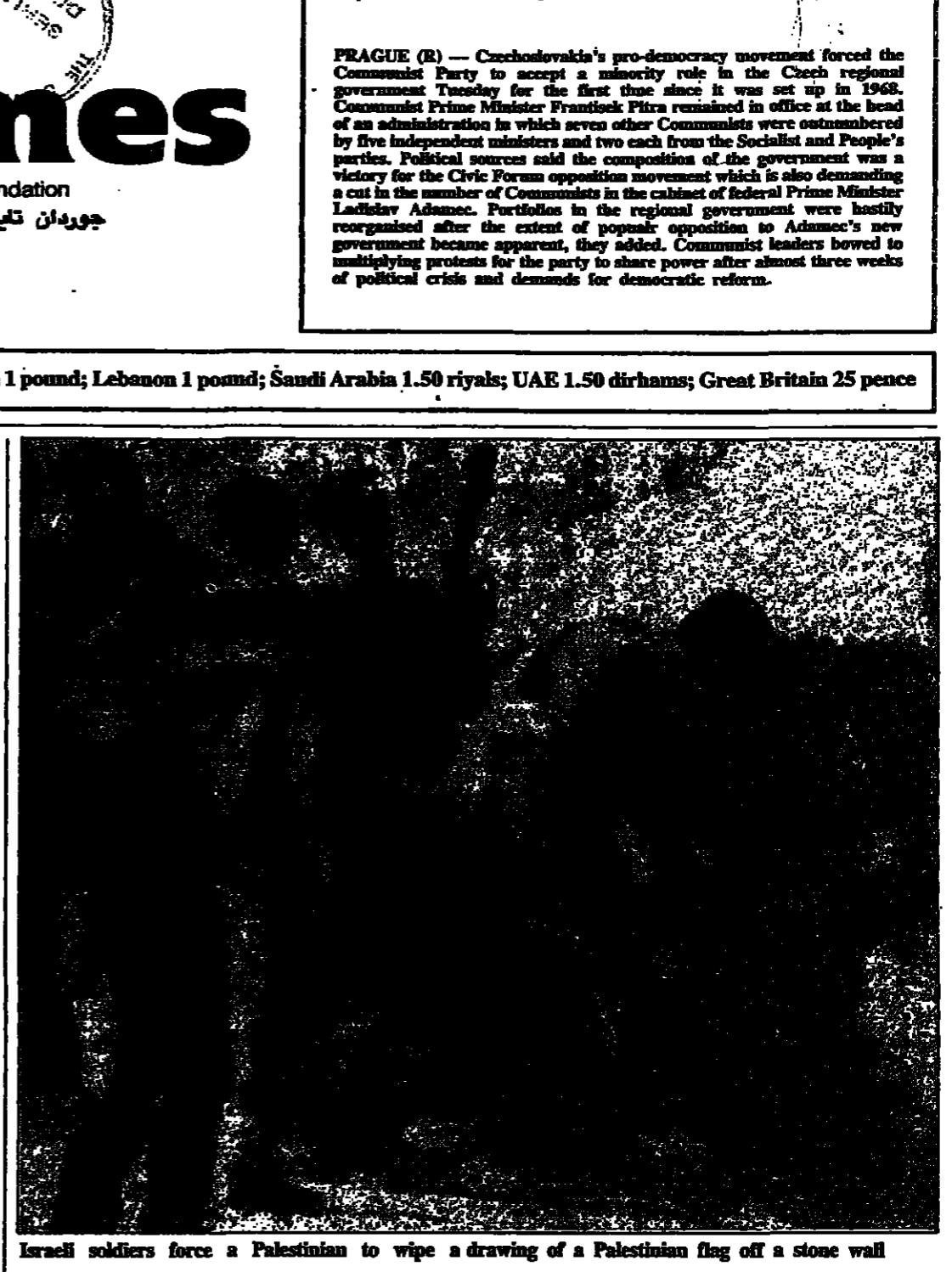
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Israeli soldiers force a Palestinian to wipe a drawing of a Palestinian flag off a stone wall

Israel says 5 'infiltrators' shot dead**37 children under 13 killed during uprising**

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM

(Agencies) — At least 37 children under the age of 13 have been shot and killed by Israeli troops or civilians during the nearly two-year Palestinian uprising, an Israeli human rights organization said Tuesday.

Israeli troops shot and killed five guerrillas who infiltrated into Israel from Egypt to stage an attack, the military command announced Tuesday.

It said the clash occurred in the early morning hours after the guerrillas crossed the border from Egypt's Sinai peninsula into the western part of the Naqab desert.

An Israeli force encountered the guerrillas, the chase and killed them all without suffering any casualties, the army said.

It was not clear to which organization the guerrillas belonged. They carried five Soviet-designed Kalashnikov assault rifles, five grenades, a pistol with magazine, binoculars and wire cutters, the army said.

Palestinians in the occupied territories shot and killed a 17-year-old Palestinian and wounded 15 other demonstrators including a 10-year-old, hospital officials said.

The officials said Nasser Al

Kejek was fatally wounded with a plastic bullet to the chest and 10-year-old Hazem Erhayem was rushed to Gaza's Alhi hospital with a gunshot wound to the head.

The death raised to 626 the number of Palestinians killed by Israeli troops or civilians during the first year of the uprising, while 28 were fatally wounded in the second year.

Military authorities closed all schools in the Gaza Strip for 10 days from Tuesday and Palestinians reported widespread arrests of suspected activists in what appeared to be preemptive operations to prevent violence on the Dec. 9 anniversary of the uprising.

Palestinians said 15 Arabs were wounded by army gunfire during clashes in the city and in Jabalya and Nusseirat Palestinian refugee camps.

Head of the Israeli army's southern command Matan Vilnai told Israel army radio the Naqab attack was apparently linked to the anniversary of the uprising.

Vilnai declined to provide details of the clash, saying only that "all the infiltrators have been killed... the forces acted well, exactly as we expected them to."

Contrary to the army's statement, he said the guerrillas carried at least 50 grenades of different types.

Manila fighting spreads to exclusive neighbourhoods

GCC state reportedly mediating for Iraq-Iran peace summit

JEDDAH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — One of the 6-nation Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) member states is mediating for an Iraq-Iran peace summit, the Saudi Arabian newspaper *Asharq Al Awsat* reported Tuesday.

The paper, in a report from Kuwait attributed to unidentified Gulf diplomatic sources, said the mediation bid has already made "important strides."

The country involved, most likely Kuwait or Oman, was not identified.

It said Iraq has given a conditional approval of the proposal, insisting that the summit lead to the signing of a memorandum on comprehensive peace in which solutions for all pending issues would be outlined.

Among these conditions, Iraq wants an immediate exchange of prisoners of war within days of the summit and "decisive settle-

ment" of the issue of Iraq's sovereignty over Shatt Al Arab, the paper added.

"The GCC groups Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates and Oman."

There was no official confirmation for the report in any of the GCC capitals, but diplomatic sources noted that both Iraqi and Iranian leaders have increased their statements lately about their interest in turning a year-old ceasefire between their two countries into a formal peace.

The GCC countries were in the direct firing line of the eight-year war that the two northern powers waged till Aug. 20, 1988.

Two of the GCC countries have lately stepped up their peace efforts individually. Oman, which will host the upcoming annual summit of the GCC leaders on Dec. 18, and Kuwait which is the current chairman of the 46-mem-

ber Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) in which both Iraq and Iran are members.

The major stumbling block to the peace pact has been Iraq's insistence on sovereignty over the entire Shatt Al Arab estuary.

There was no indication as to how a compromise could be reached on the score.

The GCC countries generally back Iraq's policies because they are all bound within the 22-member Arab League.

The Persian state's relations with some GCC countries, like Oman, remained good through the war. With others, the relations began improving as soon as the ceasefire was enforced, like Kuwait. But they have remained strained with Saudi Arabia. The kingdom ruptured its diplomatic ties with Tehran in April 1988, accusing the Persian state of terrorism and subversion.

Poll shows Israeli Arabs favour Palestinian state

TEL AVIV (R) — A new poll of Arab students at Israel's Hebrew University shows most favour an independent Palestinian state in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip but not in Israel itself.

Ahmed Tibi, head of the Arab Academic Committee in Israel which released the results Tuesday, said they showed rising pragmatism among Arabs in Israel over the two years of an uprising in the occupied territories.

He said 77 per cent supported a Palestinian state in the territories compared to 50 per cent before the uprising. Nine per cent would choose Israel in the new state, down from 17.9 per cent in the earlier poll.

"There is clear political pragmatism here," Tibi told Israel Radio.

"There is an appreciation of PLO decisions, and more and more the slogan of two states for two people is finding a permanent place in the national conscience of the Arabs in Israel," he said.

Nearly 700,000 Arabs live in Israel, and the poll showed 96 per cent of those surveyed prefer to stay in Israel if a Palestinian state is declared in the territories occupied by Israel since 1967, home to another 1.7 million Arabs.

The poll, surveying half the 1,000 Arab students at Hebrew University, showed most support the efforts of PLO Chairman Yasir Arafat but consider local Arab authorities their leaders rather than the PLO or Israel.

Sixty per cent of the students opposed the use of stones and fire bombs, the main weapons of the uprising, but the same percentage said Arabs in Israel were not doing enough to help the uprising enter its third year Saturday.

Israeli leaders have expressed concern the revolt was spreading to Arab citizens of Israel. On Monday Ehud Olmert, the cabinet minister responsible for Israeli Arab affairs, warned of a rise in sabotage and subversion by a hardcore minority.

Soviets link ties with Israel to peace efforts

TEL AVIV (AP) — Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev said at the Malta summit he would renew diplomatic ties with Israel once there was progress in Middle East peace efforts, an aide to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said Tuesday.

Gorbachev's comment came in response to a request from U.S. President George Bush for the Soviets to restore relations they ruptured with the Jewish state during the 1967 Middle East war.

Shamir had asked Bush to raise the subject during a brief telephone conversation with the American president on the eve of the Dec. 2-3 superpower meetings in Malta.

Foreign Minister Moshe Arens, who also met Kelly Tuesday and spoke by telephone with Baker Monday, said the Soviets appeared interested in playing more of a role in peace efforts.

"Gorbachev expressed an interest in the peace process, and he expressed his readiness to contribute what he can to advance the process," Arens told reporters after his 45-minute talk with Kelly.

But Israel has long condemned a Soviet role in peace efforts on Moscow renewing ties with Israel, and Arens said prospects of such a development seemed distant.

"The Soviets have been biding for the last year that there is such a readiness (to renew relations), but apparently on this subject, like others, the Eastern European countries are the leaders and the Soviets follow," Arens said.

All East Bloc countries except Romania joined the Soviet Union in severing diplomatic ties with Israel 22 years ago. But most, including the Soviet Union, have restored partial links in the last two years. Hungary renewed full-fledged relations this year.

MIDDLE EAST NEWS BRIEFS

15,000 Ethiopians arrive in Sudan

KHARTOUM (R) — About 15,000 Ethiopians fearing starvation have crossed into Sudan and are heading for the town of Kassala, a senior Sudanese official was quoted Tuesday as saying. Abdurrahman Sir Al Khatim told *Ingaz Al Watani* newspaper the influx was triggered by the failure of crops in western Ethiopia. Efforts were under way to make food to Ethiopia to prevent more people crossing into Sudan, which already has two million refugees, mainly from Ethiopia. Relief officials say about four million people are affected by the failure of crops in the Ethiopian provinces of Tigray and Eritrea.

Libya 'to break ties' with Abu Nidal

TRIPOLI (R) — Libya is seeking to break its links with the Patriotic Revolutionary Council of Palestinian radical Abu Nidal, described by Washington as the most dangerous organisation in existence, diplomats in Tripoli has said. They said recent Libyan statements made clear that Abu Nidal's group was no longer welcome in Tripoli and some move against him was only a matter of time. "The Libyans want to get rid of him as soon as possible and as smoothly as possible," one diplomat from Eastern Europe said. "For one reason or another he's finished, either because of the split in the movement or because no state will continue to protect him," said Western diplomat.

Sudanese leader in Oman

MUSCAT (AP) — Lt.-Gen. Omar Al Bashir, leader of Sudan's military junta, arrived Tuesday on a two-day visit in a continuing effort to foster Khartoum's relations with the Arab World. He was given an official reception by Sultan Qaboos and was scheduled to start official talks with him later in the day. Bashir wrested power in the Sudan on June 30, pledging to concentrate on reviving the debt-ridden economy and ending a 6-year rebellion in the south.

Thatcher to visit Turkey

ANKARA (R) — British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher will visit Turkey in April for the 75th anniversary of the World War I battles at Gallipoli, diplomatic sources said Tuesday. Turkish Prime Minister Yildirim Akbulut formally announced the long-planned visit at a press conference in Brussels, the semi-official Anatolian News Agency said.

Ceausescu to visit Iran

VIENNA (R) — Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu will pay an official visit to Iran later this month, the official Agence News Agency said Tuesday. The agency, monitored in Vienna, gave no other details.

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PROGRAMME ONE
15:30 Koran
15:45 Children's programme
15:48 Educational programme
15:50 News in Arabic
15:55 Cairo news programme
15:58 Local programme
20:00 News in Arabic
20:30 Arabic series
21:30 Arabic programmes
22:30 News in Arabic
23:45 Play "Petra"

St. Mary of Nazareth Church, Sweileh, Tel. 632785
Holy Families of God Church, Tel. 632785
St. Joseph Church Tel. 624590
Church of the Annunciation Tel. 623400
De la Salle Church Tel. 661757
Terrance Church Tel. 622366
Church of the Annunciation Tel. 623541
Anglican Church Tel. 625383, Tel. 628543
Armenian Catholic Church Tel. 771331
Armenian Orthodox Church Tel. 773261
Epiphany Church Tel. 771751
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Evangelical Lutheran Church Tel. 811285
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Tel. 815817, 654932

WEATHER
Bulletin supplied by the Department of Meteorology.

A slight rise in temperatures will occur, though it will remain relatively cool. Winds will be northerly/light to moderate. In Amman, the day will be mostly moderate and sea calm.

Min./Max. temp.
Ammun 0/11
Aqaba 5/18

PRAYER TIMES

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12:17 Dhuhr
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CHURCHES

Civil Defence Department 661111

Deserts 2/12
Jordan Valley 2/19

Civil Defence Immediate Rescues 630341
Civil Defence Emergency 199
Fire Brigade 664171/4
Blood Bank 775121
Highway Police 643402
Traffic Police 896390
Public Security Department 630321
Hotel Complaints 603800
Police Complaints 661176
Water Complaints 897467

Amman Municipality Complaints 602240/50
Amman Municipality Complaints 674153

Telephone Information (directive assistance) 121

Central Control Calls 616230

Central Amman Telephone Repair 625101

Jordan Television 773111

Radio Jordan 774111

Water Authority 681000

Electricity Authority 8151615

Electric Power Company 636381

RJ Flight Information 06-53200

Queen Alia Int. Airport 06-53200

EMERGENCIES

Civil Defence Department 661111

AMMAN: Hospital Medical Centre 813813/32
Khalid Maternity, J. Ann 6442616
Alich Maternity, J. Ann 6424412

HOSPITALS

Jabal Amman Maternity 642262
Malha, J. Amman 635140
Palestine, Shmeissani 664171/4
University Hospital 659131
University Hospital 848545

Al-Ahli Hospital 667227/9

Al-Islamic, Abdali 664154/6

Al-Ahli, Al-Muhajirah 777101/3

Al-Basit, J. Ashraf 775111/26

Army, Mazar 891611/15

Queen Alia Hospital 602240/50

Amal Hospital 674153

Queen Alia Hospital 674153

Zarqa Govt. Hospital 09983232

Zarqa National Hospital 0991071

Iba Sina Hospital 09987532

RAED:

Princess Basma Hospital 02275555

Queen Rania Hospital 02272775

Al-Ahli Hospital 022747100

AQABA:

Princess Haya Hospital 03314111

Electric Power Company 636381

Royal Jordanian (RJ) Flights (Terminal 1)

11:15 Amsterdam, New York (RJ)

11:30 Tunis, Casablanca (RJ)

11:45 Riyadh (RJ)

12:45 London (RJ)

13:30 Paris, Rome (RJ)

14:45 Kuwait, Doha (RJ)

15:45 Bahrain, Abu Dhabi (RJ)

20:10 New Delhi (RJ)

20:20 Cairo (RJ)

21:15 Calcutta, Bangkok (RJ)

Other Flights (Terminal 2)

10:35 Dubai (A2)

10:45 Beirut (A2)

10:45 Cairo (MS)

10:45 Doha (A2)

10:45 London (MS)

11:45 Bagdad (IA)

11:45 Jeddah (IA)

11:45 Ankara, Istanbul (IA)

12:45 Frankfurt (LH)

15:45 Damascus (PK)

21:20 Paris, Damascus (AF)

DEPARTURES

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NATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF

KING CONGRATULATES FINLAND: His Majesty King Hussein Tuesday sent a cable of good wishes to Finland's President Mauno Koivisto on his country's Independence Day anniversary. The King wished the president continued health and happiness and further progress and prosperity for the Finnish people. (Petra)

SOOUR LEAVES FOR MOSCOW: Ministry of Social Development's Secretary General Mohammad Soour left for Moscow Tuesday to take part in meetings by United Nations experts on experiments in socio-economic changes around the world. The meeting aims to find the best means of providing service to the developing world. (Petra)

TRAINING COURSE: A training course started in Aqaba Tuesday for a group of Boy Scouts and Girl Guides from the Ma'an and Tafith Governorate. The three-day course will orient the participants on skills to enrich the Scout movement in the country. (Petra)

VOLUNTARY ACTIVITIES: Charitable societies in the Deir Alla and South Shuneh districts in the Jordan Valley Tuesday carried out a number of voluntary activities in observation of the International Volunteer Day. The societies organised cleanliness campaigns and visited hospitals and kindergartens carrying gifts to the children and patients. (Petra)

TREE PLANTING IN IRBID: Irbid Municipality Tuesday announced the start of a campaign to plant trees in the southern regions of the city and along roads. It said that 3,000 olive and forest trees will be planted during the campaign. (Petra)

EXHIBITION: An exhibition displaying publications on the Palestinian issue will open Wednesday at the Yarmouk University at 4:00 p.m. by University President Mohammad Hamdan. The exhibition, which will be held on the occasion of the intifada entering its third year, includes publications and paintings demonstrating the Palestinian cause and showing the stages of the Arab-Israeli conflict and Israel's oppressive measures against Arab citizens in the occupied territories. The exhibition runs through Wednesday, Dec. 13. (J.T.)

ART EXHIBITION: Under the patronage of Palestine National Council Speaker Sheikh Abdul Hamid Al Saieh, an art exhibition by Khaled Al Mazzi will be opened Sunday, Dec. 10, at the Soviet Cultural Centre. The exhibition will continue until Dec. 16. (J.T.)

JD 15,000 LOAN: The Cities and Villages Development Bank Monday announced its approval of JD 15,000 loan to the village of Hamid in Mafrar. The loan will finance road construction projects in the village. (Petra)

Jordan attends Arab talks on social development

TUNIS (Petra) — Jordan is taking part in meetings of the Arab Ministers of Social Affairs Council which opened in Tunis Saturday with the participation of all Arab League countries.

The three-day meeting is dedicated to discussing ways to promote social development in Arab countries and developing and promoting the operations and programmes of organisations such as the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development.

Various social development programmes by Arab countries and training of personnel to carry out social development work in the coming three years, are also to be discussed at the meeting, according to an Arab League official here.

Questions pertaining to the status of Arab women, protection of children's rights and family planning will be reviewed along with assistance to the victims of natural disasters and forced migration.

According to the official all forms of aid to the people of the occupied Arab territories will be reviewed with the purpose of increasing support for the steadfast people in the face of Israel's atrocities and repressive actions.

Several speakers who dwelt on the subject of Palestine paid tribute to the Palestinian people's intifada and the Palestine Liberation Organisation's policy of seeking a permanent solution to the problem in implementation of Arab League summit resolutions.

The speakers at the opening session also dwelt on the situation in the Gulf and Lebanon, urging the Arab League to exert further efforts to establish lasting peace in the two areas.

Jordan to attend meeting of Arab pharmacists council

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan will take part in the 13th meeting of the Arab Pharmacists Federation's Higher Council meeting which will start in Baghdad Saturday.

Jordan Pharmacists Association (JPA) President Tayseer Al Himsi, who will lead the Jordanian delegation, said in a statement Monday the council will discuss a request by the Egyptian Pharmacists Union to join the federation and will follow up the implementation of previous resolutions.

On the agenda also are financial and professional issues as well as the federation's relations and contacts with Arab and foreign organisations on pharmaceutical affairs, Himsi said.

Jordan will also take part in a meeting by the Arab lawyers bureau which will convene in Sana'a, North Yemen, Saturday.

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The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

EXHIBITIONS

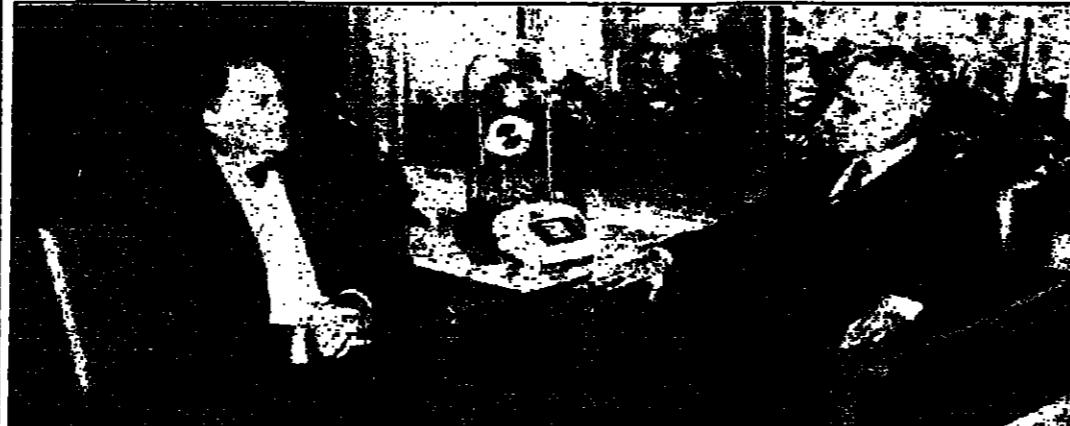
- ★ An exhibition of paintings and etchings inspired by Arabic Islamic art at Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation.
- ★ An art exhibition by artists from Jordan and other Arab countries at Al Wasit Gallery, Plaza Hotel.
- ★ Book exhibition at the University of Yarmouk.
- ★ An art exhibition by Ghassan Al Husni, Abd Al Atwan and Abd Alshah Nawaab at the Jordanian Plastic Artists Association, Shuneh.
- ★ An art exhibition of water colours by Jordan artist Ahmad Ismael at the Gallery, Hotel Jordan Inter-Continental.
- ★ An exhibition organised by the Goethe Institute entitled "The Blue Rider" at the Jordan University of Science and Technology, Irbid.
- ★ An art exhibition by Jordanian artist Shaker Murji at the British Council.
- ★ A book exhibition at the Royal Cultural Centre.
- ★ An exhibition which includes publications on the Palestinian issue at the Yarmouk University — 4:00 p.m.
- ★ A photographic exhibition, held on the 150th anniversary of the invention of photography, by Karlie and Dimitrov at the Soviet Cultural Centre.

SEMINAR

★ A seminar, in Arabic, on plastic art at the Royal Cultural Centre — 5:00 p.m.

FILM

★ Documentary films on the Palestinian intifada at Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation — 6:00 p.m.



Lawzi receives British, Kuwaiti ambassadors

AMMAN — Speaker of the Upper House of Parliament Ahmad Al Lawzi Tuesday received separately in his office British Ambassador to Jordan Anthony Reeve and Kuwait's ambassador.

Suleiman Salem Al Nisam. They called to offer their congratulations to Lawzi on his appointment as speaker of the Upper House (Petra photo)

Abu Qoura calls for world peace, help for poor countries

AMMAN (Petra) — The Jordan National Red Crescent Society (JNRCS) at 4:00 p.m. by University President Mohammad Hamdan. The exhibition, which will be held on the occasion of the intifada entering its third year, includes publications and paintings demonstrating the Palestinian cause and showing the stages of the Arab-Israeli conflict and Israel's oppressive measures against Arab citizens in the occupied territories. The exhibition runs through Wednesday, Dec. 13. (J.T.)

ART EXHIBITION: Under the patronage of Palestine National Council Speaker Sheikh Abdul Hamid Al Saieh, an art exhibition by Khaled Al Mazzi will be opened Sunday, Dec. 10, at the Soviet Cultural Centre. The exhibition will continue until Dec. 16. (J.T.)

JD 15,000 LOAN: The Cities and Villages Development Bank

Monday announced its approval of JD 15,000 loan to the village of Hamid in Mafrar. The loan will finance road construction projects in the village. (Petra)

Bar association to take part in Sana'a meeting

AMMAN (Petra) — The Jordanian Bar Association will participate in the meeting of the permanent bureau of the Arab Lawyers Union which is due to open in Sana'a, North Yemen, Saturday.

Bar Association President Walid Abdul Hadi who will lead the Jordanian delegation said that the bureau will discuss a number

of issues which include organising legal seminars to discuss the unification of laws and legislations in North and South Yemen, judicial matters and matters of concern to the bureau's activities.

Abdul Hadi said that the four-day meeting will also elect the bureau's members and officials.



Diplomatic Women's Club celebrates anniversary

AMMAN — The management of Hotel Jordan Inter-Continental, Tuesday celebrated the third anniversary for the Diplomatic Women's Club in Jordan. The party, which was attended by various ambassadors' wives and members of the diplomatic corps in Jordan, was entertained by music and folkloric songs representing their countries. (J.T.)

Abu Qoura said that in an address to the meeting, he called on to world governments and organisations to give due attention to the need to feed millions of starving people and to end all forms of conflict which cause the death of innocent people around the world.

In 1986, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) spent 44 million Swiss francs on relief operations to help victims of drought in Africa and displaced people in wars. Abu Qoura noted.

During his stay in Madrid, Abu Qoura held side meetings with Red Cross officials in Spain on humanitarian issues which will be discussed at a general Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies meeting due to be held in Colombia in the coming year.

Workshop reviews assistance to disaster victims

AMMAN (J.T.) — Participants in a regional workshop on environmental health, which was opened last Saturday, reviewed a working paper on emergency situations and assistance to victims in natural disasters offered by the World Health Organisation (WHO).

The working paper, presented by WHO officials at the meeting also outlined measures to be taken in preparations to deal with emergency cases at the government and private levels.

The workshop, which is attended by delegates from 23 Arab and foreign countries, including Jordan, was opened by Health Minister Zuhair Malhas who drew attention to the plight of victims in Middle East conflicts, pointing in particular to the Palestinian people who were rendered homeless and living through very difficult health and environmental conditions over the past four decades.

The five-day workshop was organised by the regional Centre for Environmental Health Activities (CEHA) in cooperation with the Ministry of Health.

NAF provides care for 1,000 homeless children

AMMAN (J.T.) — The National Aid Fund (NAF) is now providing proper care to 1,000 homeless and abandoned children through the help of foster mothers who together receive some JD 10,000 a month for their service, according to NAF's Director General Khalil Al Faouri.

As of the start of January 1990, monthly payments will be paid to the foster mothers through the post offices so as to save money and efforts needed to be given to the needy, Faouri said in a statement to Al Dustour daily news paper.

He said that the children who are now living with a total of 235 families represent a portion of the destitute children living in very difficult conditions and who the NAF is trying to discover and offer help.

Help to the children, is part of the NAF's programme initiated in the Kingdom in 1986 and which now offers various forms of assistance to the needy families, Faouri noted.

He said although aid totalling

JD 200,000 is being distributed to some 10,000 needy families in the country on a monthly basis, it is estimated that double that number of families exist in the country.

The NAF, Faouri noted, pays up to JD 40 a month to each of the needy families, but statistics available to the NAF indicate that their care no less than 2,000 families in Jordan whose monthly income does not exceed JD 50.

In view of the situation, Faouri said, the government now plans to create a special system that would enable the NAF raise funds from private and public organisations so as to ensure the minimum level of living for each of the needy families and to deal with the pockets of poverty in the Kingdom.

Apart from providing monthly payments for the needy, the NAF offers lump sums to heads of families to start a small size business and conducts a programme of vocational training to qualify the heads of families to earn a living on their own, Faouri

pointed out.

Teams of officials employed by the NAF from the country's urban and rural areas, conducting studies on families applying for assistance before any decision is taken on giving 1 lp, Faouri, noted.

So far, Faouri said, the NAF has set up 270 income generating projects for the needy families around the country, altogether costing JD 250,000.

Referring to the types of families qualifying for aid, Faouri said they include orphans, widows, divorced women, families of imprisoned men, the aged and the incapacitated persons.

To help these people, Faouri said the NAF also ensures free health and medical services for them at government hospitals and health centres.

Faouri noted that the NAF has an annual capital of JD 3 million mostly coming from government funds, with the private sector currently providing some JD 100,000.



Lower House speaker receives 3 envoys

AMMAN — Speaker of the Lower House of Parliament Saleh Arar Tuesday received in his office Soviet Ambassador Alexander Zinichuk who conveyed his government's congratulations to Arar on his appointment as House speaker follow-

ing the Nov. 8 general election. Arar also received separately Spanish and Saudi Arabian ambassadors to Jordan Ramon Armenteros and Sheikh Mohammed Al Fahd Al Issa (Petra photo)

Amman, Tunis sign programme to implement cultural agreement

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan and Tunisia have signed an executive programme for the implementation of a bilateral cultural agreement covering the period 1990-1992, according to Ministry of Culture's Secretary General Hamid Al Amad.

Al Amad said in a statement Tuesday that the agreement is bound to take part in the Arab song contest held annually in Tunis and the Carthage Annual Festival of Arts and Culture, and will offer similar facilities to Tunis to take part in Jordanian festivals and folk programmes.

Jordan, he said, will be able, according to the programme, to

participate in the international book exhibition in the coming year and to embark on a process of book and publication exchanges with Tunisia. The two countries will also undertake joint archaeological excavation projects.

According to Al Amad, Jordan has offered Tunisia the chance to hold a Tunisian film week in Amman in implementation of the agreement.

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Rural workers silhouetted against snowy peaks in northern India. (Photo: Madanjeet Singh)

Photos that hold a place, a face, a motion in time

By Philippe Neave

The extremists are leading the Sikhs into an area that is damaging the community's interests. A handful of terrorists belonging to my own Sikh community are busy destroying the privileged position which their most enterprising compatriots have carved for themselves in independent India."

Singh believes that the situation looks less threatening since the death of former Pakistani President Zia Ul-Haq, who imposed Islamic law during his rule and was thought to be sympathetic to the Sikh separatists. "The situation has improved with the coming of a more democratic government under Benazir Bhutto," he said.

One thing that has not changed is Singh's love for his homeland, particularly for his native Punjab in northwest India. A book of photographs he took 40 years ago and which has just been published by Rizzoli (New York), illustrates Singh's deep understanding of his country. Titled "This My People," the book offers sensitive portraits of India's peasants and other manual labourers — people who toil for a lifetime to eke out just enough to survive, and people trapped by the horror of communal strife.

It took the former diplomat 40 years to muster the courage to publish his book in Europe, even though it had the prestige of a handwritten preface by India's first prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru. "All that Europeans knew about India was its poverty," said Singh in a recent interview in his elegant Paris apartment, explaining that he wanted to show first India's artistic and cultural wealth. To accomplish this goal he compiled 10 books on art, including a major work titled "Himalayan Art," in the World Art Series published by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation.

Then Singh came across his old photographs and decided the time had come to publish them in a book where he also presents his general thoughts on his country and its people. "I am no longer ashamed of India's poverty in the same way as before. I used to get hurt, but no longer of Indian poverty as it is because of my nationalistic self-aggrandizement," he explained.

Singh lived through the massive exodus that occurred when the Muslim nation of Pakistan was carved out of Hindu India in 1947, a terrifying time during which several hundred thousand people were killed and 12 million Muslim and Hindu refugees crossed the new Pakistani-Indian border, seeking safety either east or west. Today Singh looks back in sorrow at the violence, especially in the border province of Punjab which suffered greatly during partition because of extremists.

Although most regions of India have now found peace, Singh points out that in a people of such diversity some are traditionally warlike, for example the Sikhs and the Ghoras, which lead to recurring violence. Himself a Sikh, Singh deplores on-going religious and communal strife: "India has so far been able to maintain its secular character and its democracy. I think it would be terribly sad if this secular character were to be destroyed by the fundamentalist forces."

Commenting on the situation in Punjab, where Sikh extremists demanding independence are terrorizing the region, Singh said: "I don't think more than 5 or 10 per cent of the people support the terrorists. As I see it, the future of the Sikhs is essentially secure. They are hard-working and active; they have done extremely well in India — you'll never see a Sikh beggar, for example — and although they constitute only 1 per cent of the population, they represent 18 per cent of the army. Even abroad they are doing well, but if you were to put the Sikhs concentrated in a small area like Punjab, they would suffocate."

he believes that overpopulation around the world is rapidly leading to a global environmental disaster.

On the positive side, the country's rapid industrialisation has created a large and growing urban middle class that is beginning to change the face of Indian society. "The growth of the middle class is always a sign of progress," Singh said. "At the same time, it is always a danger. The entire fascist movement in Italy and Germany (in the 1930s) was drawn from the middle class, which is easily swayed by slogans. A peasant has his feet on the ground, but the middle class person doesn't know where he stands, he has lost his roots, so he's floating somewhere in between."

"The ideals upon which the Indian State was founded, such as secularism, have to be reinforced in a very conscientious manner," he noted.

In a country where almost every religion is represented, it becomes supremely important to build on common ground. For Singh and his generation, tragic memories are still vivid. "In 'This My People' it was not easy to recreate in words the intensity of the emotional revision I felt at that time against communal violence," he said. His marriage to a Muslim woman he met in Sweden — the daughter of an Indonesian ambassador — was in part a



A peasant girl already resigned to a life of hardship.

Hindu matrilineal attitude of her Indonesian culture, which was largely derived from the southern regions of India."

Explains Singh: "Naturally I was devastated when I separated from my wife. Yet I was glad it was caused by cultural disparity and absolutely not because of any religious differences. That would have shattered my ideals. Curiously, these differences were not so much between the cultures of Indonesia and India as between my masochistic mentality derived from the male-oriented society in the Punjab... and the

Singh's knowledge of many different societies, coupled with relentless intellectual and creative activity, seems to have given him a rare understanding of mankind and a form of serenity matched by the environment he has created for himself in his 10th-floor apartment overlooking the Seine River: there art treasures and the natural beauty of the scenery bring peace and a feeling of space — *World News Link*.

EVEN BEFORE the current quickening in the transformation of the international political scene, concern over the global environment had already secured a high place on the world's agenda.

But as other preoccupations, including the threat of a nuclear holocaust, recede, the wellbeing of our planet is being thrust even more to the forefront. This is being highlighted at gatherings as diverse as the United Nations' General Assembly and a conference of the world's small island

states.

Fifteen of these countries were meeting at the most appropriate of venues, the Indian Ocean archipelago republic of the Maldives. These islands are among the most threatened by some of the feared consequences of global warming — rising sea levels and more powerful hurricanes and typhoons.

The aim of the conference was not only to underline this danger, but also to stress to the international community that the affected nations will need its help to survive.

Meanwhile, at the U.N. General Assembly, Britain's Prime Minister devoted the whole of his address to the "insidious danger" of the impending

ecological crisis. It was, Mrs. Thatcher said, as menacing in its way as those conventional, political perils with which the world had contended down the centuries.

In a speech which was to prove one of the most well-received of the current session, the prime minister outlined the part that Britain intends to play in the international effort to halt the damage being done to the Earth, its oceans and atmosphere.

She said that Britain had agreed to co-ordinate the work of the inter-governmental panel on climate change, an assessment of which would be made available before the second world climate conference next year.

But this was not enough. The international community had to improve its ability to predict climate change, Mrs. Thatcher said, and Britain had therefore decided to establish a centre for this purpose. This facility, with its advanced computers and other equipment, would be open to all experts, especially those from the developing countries.

The Prime Minister pointed out that mankind was now changing the global environment in damaging and dangerous ways. The Earth's land surface was being degraded, its waters polluted and "greenhouse" gases

at the present rate of clearance 65 per cent of these forests would have disappeared by the turn of the century. Moreover, man-made gases were making inroads into the protective ozone layer, although this danger had been recognised and steps were being taken with the aim of eventually halting these emissions.

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An ecological crisis coming to the fore

were being added to the air at an unprecedented rate.

"We are seeing a vast increase in the amount of carbon dioxide reaching the atmosphere," she said. The annual increase was three billion tonnes — and half the carbon emitted since 18th century Europe's industrial revolution was still in the atmosphere.

"At the same time we are seeing the destruction on a vast scale of tropical forests which are uniquely able to remove carbon dioxide from the air."

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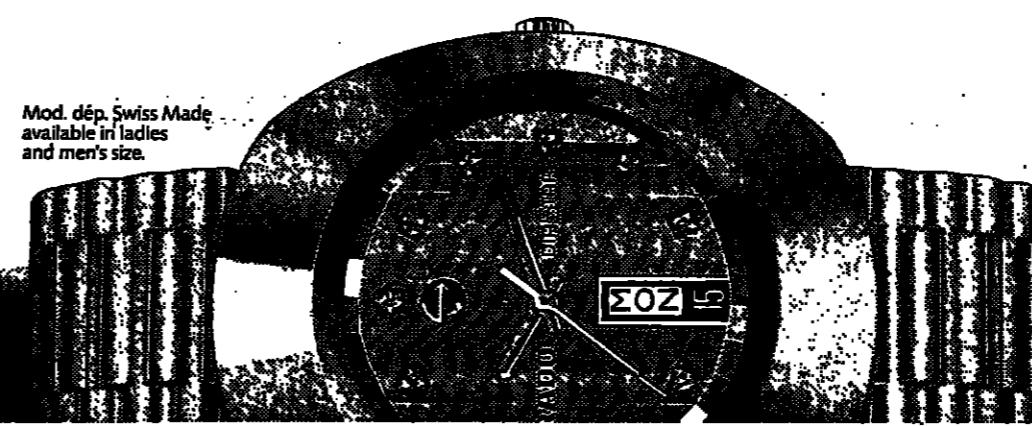
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Petra Bank resumes Visa card operations

AMMAN (J.T.) — Petra Bank still owes Visa International, the U.S.-based credit card company, more than \$4 million, but began repayments after Visa agreed to resume honouring Petra-issued cards, the bank said Tuesday.

Petra Bank's government-appointed General Manager Bassem Atari told Reuters the bank would repay \$50,000 each working day to cover the sum of \$1.7 million.

He said a further \$3.8 million owed to Visa would be "considered for rescheduling after Arthur Andersen and Company's report on the accounts of the bank is ready for circulation in early 1990."

The repayments began Nov. 27 when Visa resumed its service for the reduced number of Petra Bank clients who still hold Visa International or Visa Golden cards, he said.

Atari said Petra Bank had settled substantial amounts owed to other banks in Jordan and abroad which had used Petra as process-

sing and authorisation agent for their Visa cards.

Petra Bank's new management, appointed after a government takeover on Aug. 3, inherited obligations of about \$8 million related to the Visa card service, he said.

Visa International suspended dealings with Petra Bank in late August because of missed payments.

Jordanian officials have accused former Petra Bank head Ahmad Chalabi of large-scale fraud and embezzlement. Chalabi fled the country in August.

Atari said Petra Bank had canceled more than 6,000 of the original 8,850 Visa International and Visa Golden cards held by its clients and would strictly control

the use of valid cards.

He said Petra Bank had sent a circular to Visa cardholders calling on them to "exercise extreme caution and judgment" to avoid violating central bank foreign currency controls.

Technically speaking, Atari emphasised in a press release, all cards are now under full control and as such the card holder cannot draw at any time any amount which exceeds the credit balance available in the card holder's account maintained with the bank noting that the maximum ceiling limit was fixed at JD 2,000 per month to the International card holder, taking into consideration the foreign exchange control regulations issued by the Central Bank of Jordan in this respect.

The press release noted that the agreement with Visa came as a result of fruitful negotiations combined with the personal support of Dr. Mohammad Said Nabulsi, governor of the Central Bank of Jordan.

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Oman bank warns against currency speculation

DUBAI (R) — Oman's central bank has advised banks in the sultanate to stop unwarranted speculative dealing in foreign exchange futures, the central bank

noting that the maximum ceiling limit was fixed at JD 2,000 per month to the International card holder, taking into consideration the foreign exchange control regulations issued by the Central Bank of Jordan in this respect.

The president said he wanted to stress that the bank continued to encourage currency transactions for all trade-related, or any other normal bank business of income, and expenditure flows, at the discretion of the banks.

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ATP-ITF war heats up

By Sandy Harwitt
Reuters

contest scheduled by the Association of Tennis Professionals.

All three would take place in West Germany, with Tric's directly competing with the ITF's grand slam cup.

The ITF tournament has come under criticism from most top players who charge that it is an attempt to undermine the ATP's player-run tour which will begin next year, replacing the grand prix circuit run by the men's tennis council.

U.S. Open and Wimbledon champion Boris Becker of West Germany, who lost to Sweden's Stefan Edberg in Sunday's final, has said he would not play in the grand slam cup. Only world number one Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia has said he would play in the event which offers a \$2 million first prize.

GOREN BRIDGE

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SOUTH
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2 ♠ Pass: 3 ♠ Pass:
4 ♠ Pass: Pass: Pass

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North's sequence showed a limit raise in spades (10-12 points) with only three trumps. However, because of the square hand, no intermediate cards and lack of a spade honor, we feel a raise to two spades would have been more than adequate.

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FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1989

By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation
GENERAL TENDENCIES: Early morning and late afternoon finds you accomplishing many important tasks that were at the top of your list, but you will experience some minor set back in the evening if you try to push too hard with your romantic partner.

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) It is a good day to entertain and be entertained in public. A good day to add charm and beauty to your residence.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) A person with ideas different from yours can solve a home problem. Listen well to understand what your attachment would really like you to do.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) All kinds of new money opportunities will soon be yours. Don't let doubt arise in your mind about your attachment's devotion.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Be tactful now with friends who will be making unreasonable demands. A new approach at your business and financial affairs will be good for you.

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VIRGO: (August 22 to September 21) Avoid being away from your duties by an impulse to take a trip. Your home will be humoring with activity if you go along with it.

LIBRA: (September 22 to October 22) A recent acquaintance who is unusual will now make your life more exciting. Short trips with

que. That would probably have been the final contract.

West led the queen of hearts and declarer, Dora Brechner of New York and Tel Aviv, was not thrilled with her contract. However, there were some chances. The queen of hearts was allowed to win the first trick, and the heart continuation was ruffed. Declarer ducked a club and West shifted to a diamond.

Declarer rose with dummy's ace and finessed the queen of trumps, breathing a sigh of relief when that held. After cashing the ace of clubs, she crossed to the king of clubs and ruffed another heart. To avoid having a winner ruffed should a declarer be able to ruff a diamond, declarer cashed the king of diamonds, then the ace of clubs.

When West showed out but could not ruff, all was well. Declarer's last club was ruffed in dummy and the king of hearts was led from the table.

Whether or not East was able to ruff this trick, declarer's last trump was destined to become the fulfilling trick. As the cards lay, East had to follow and declarer was able to score her trump by ruffing. On the last trick, the defenders had a field day—West's winning diamond was topped by East's mister trump!

Odds stacked against Napoli reaching last 8

By Neil Oughton
Reuters

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LONDON — Doubts about the fitness of Diego Maradona and other key players have left the odds stacked heavily against holders Napoli surviving their visit to Werder Bremen on Wednesday and reaching the UEFA Cup quarter-finals.

Napoli trudged Werder 3-2 from the first leg and, despite moving four points clear at the top of the Italian league with a 3-1 win over Atalanta on Sunday, trainer Alberto Bigon believes his side has only an outside chance of qualifying.

Maradona, nursing a back strain, played only the last 10 minutes against Atalanta and remains far from his best. So, too, does Brazilian striker Careca, while his compatriot Alemao misses the game after being carried off in the first leg.

"We have to play an attacking game but with intelligence," Bigon said. "We mustn't leave ourselves exposed because Werder are so dangerous on the counter-attack."

Libero Alessandro Renica is expected to return from injury as Napoli attempt to make amends for their first defeat of the season. But Bigon said on Monday: "Until yesterday I gave myself a 15 per cent chance of qualifying. After our convincing win against Atalanta, I'm adding another five per cent considering how much morale has improved."

Napoli are one of three Italian clubs chasing places in the last eight of the competition with Juventus taking a 2-1 lead to East Germany's Karl-Marx-Stadt and Fiorentina defending a 1-0 advantage in the Soviet Union against

concept. He did not mention the prize money.

"Whether or not a \$10-million event is possible, that's my question," Jay Beck, the ATP's director of communications, said of the Tric's idea.

"Having Becker and having some players that are dissatisfied with the approach that the ITF is taking certainly does two things: It gives him (Tric's) credibility and also hurts the slams even more."

"It's an alternative to their event (the grand slam cup), just as they were trying to create an alternative to ours."

Bill Babcock, the ITF's tournament administrator, had no comment on Tric's proposal.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

EDBERG AIMED AT DAVIS CUP

Stefan Edberg believes his victory over Boris Becker in the Masters tennis tournament could be the key to Sweden's Davis Cup. "I believe we have a good chance," Edberg said of Sweden's Davis Cup hope. "Boris is really the key to their team. If I can manage to beat him or if Mats (Wilander) can beat him, then we have a good chance," Edberg and Wilander will lead Sweden into the Davis Cup final against defending champion West Germany and Becker on Dec. 15-17 in Stuttgart, West Germany. On Sunday, Edberg captured the year-ending Masters tennis tournament, defeating Becker 4-6, 7-6 (8-6), 6-3, 6-1 at Madison Square Garden. Sweden has dominated Davis Cup play, having reached the final of the team tennis event every year since 1983. The Swedes won in 1984, defeating the United States, in 1985, defeating West Germany, and in 1987, defeating India. Last year, West Germany won, crushing Sweden 4-1 behind Becker.

WIMBLEDON SHOWS RECORD PROFITS: The 1989 Wimbledon tennis championships made a record profit of £2.2 million (\$14.3 million), according to the British Lawn Tennis Association annual report. The figure, up from £7.6 million (\$11.8 million) last year, is expected to be officially announced next Monday.

WORLD CUP SOCCER TROPHY ARRIVES IN ITALY

The trophy to be awarded at next year's World Cup soccer championship arrived in Rome on Sunday amid tight security. The solid gold cup was presented by Julio Grondona, president of the Argentine Soccer Federation, to Antonio Matarrese, his Italian counterpart, at Rome's Leonardo da Vinci airport. Argentina won the last World Cup, held in 1986 in Mexico. It had kept the cup until returning it Sunday. A police helicopter circled above the airport as the cup changed hands, and police guarded the coveted prize on the ground. The trophy was then taken under police escort to a vault in the Banca Nazionale del Lavoro, a state bank. It will be on display at Rome's Palaeur arena during the official draw on Dec. 8, when the 24 teams that qualified for the 1990 World Cup will be divided into six groups. The World Cup final is scheduled for July 8 in Rome.

THOMPSON PULLS OUT OF COMMONWEALTH GAMES: Former Olympic decathlon champion Daley Thompson's hopes of winning a record fourth Commonwealth games gold medal in Auckland next month ended on Monday. Coach Frank Dick said Thompson was "not quite ready" for the games but stressed he was not retiring. His new target is the defence of his European title in split, Yugoslavia, in August. Thompson, 31, took the decathlon gold medal at the 1978, '82 and '86 Commonwealth games but has been troubled by a knee injury for some time. The world record holder underwent an operation in October and, although he has made a full recovery, the interruption to his training programme has caused his withdrawal. Dick said: "The basic reason for Daley pulling out is that, although everything is going exactly to plan and he is back in training, to accelerate things at this point might just be asking a bit too much. He is not quite ready. I personally think he would have gone pretty well in Auckland but it seems sensible to give the Commonwealth games a miss. It would be bad judgement at this point."

SOVIET FIRST DIVISION TO HAVE MORE TEAMS: The Soviet first division will be enlarged next season from 16 to 18 teams as a result of sweeping changes being made by the country's soccer federation, the government daily Izvestia said Monday. Three points instead of two will be awarded for a win in an attempt to make the league more competitive. Two new second divisions consisting of 19 teams each will be created to replace the current single division which comprises 22 clubs. Leading clubs from the zonal third divisions will make up the numbers. Lokomotiv Moscow and Zenit Leningrad, who were to have been relegated at the end of the last season, would stay in the first division and would be joined by Cska and Guria, who finished top of the second division, the paper said.

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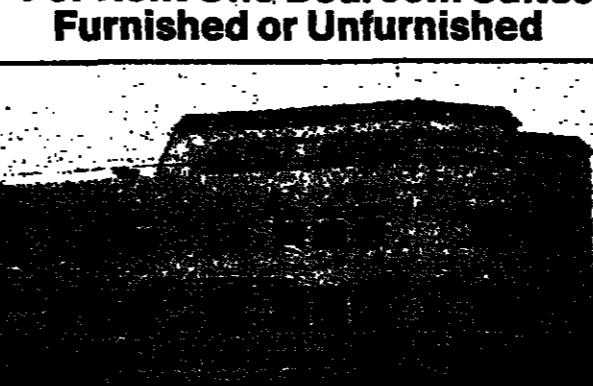
As Samra waste stabilisation pond (WSP) complex is located 40 km north-east of Amman. It treats the sewage of about half the population of Jordan, from those parts of the Greater Amman Municipality, Zarqa, Ruseifa and other smaller communities. The ponds are designed in three parallel trains. In each train there are two anaerobic ponds, four facultative ponds and four maturation ponds. The objectives of this study are: to review the design and the operating results of the WSP system, to assess the environmental effects of the system, to recommend and design improvements to increase the efficiency of the existing ponds and the design additional treatment capacity to serve the needs of the present and future connected area to the year 2005. USAID/Jordan will finance the required study under TSFS V Project (278-0266).

A potential U.S. consulting firm associated with (Jordanian Consultants, or joint venture of two Jordanian Consulting Engineering); may obtain the terms of reference from Mr. Abraham Grayson, Chief Engineer (AID/W, ENGR, Room No. 3321A, Telephone No. (202) 647-8094, Washington, D.C., 20523, or from the Tenders Division, Water Authority, P.O. Box 2412, Amman, Jordan, Tel.: 680100.

The technical and the financial proposals shall be submitted to the Director, Government Tenders Directorate, Ministry of Public Works and Housing, P.O. Box 1220, Amman, Jordan, Tel.: 668481, Telex 21944 MPW JO. Submittal and proposals shall be not later than 13:30 of Saturday, Jan. 6, 1990.

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Salvador rebels use SAM

SAN SALVADOR (R) — Leftist rebels fired heat-seeking missiles at San Salvador jets during air attacks in southern El Salvador Monday but missed their targets, the armed forces said.

During fierce combat in Zzatecoluca, the provincial capital, 55 kilometres south of San Salvador, rebels fired four Soviet-made SAM-7 missiles at fast-flying A-37 air force jets, but the missiles went astray, an armed forces spokesman said.

While fighting raged for more than eight hours in Zzatecoluca Monday, the government eased a nationwide curfew and allowed radio news programmes to return to the air.

The dusk-to-dawn curfew was reduced by five hours — now from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. — after a weekend of calm in San Salvador.

The curfew was first declared Nov. 12, the day after the start of the leftist rebel offensive in which more than 2,000 rebels and soldiers have died in three weeks of fighting, according to the armed forces.

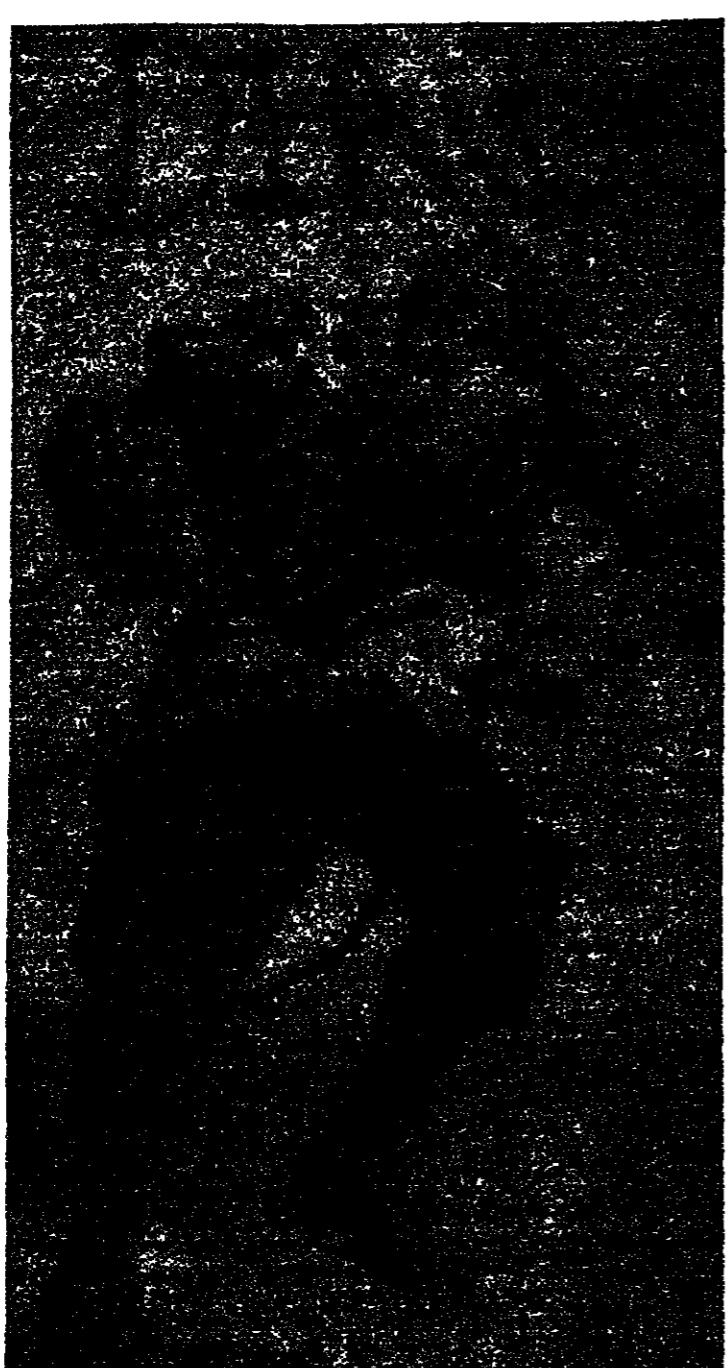
But on the first night with the reduced curfew, a series of powerful explosions rocked the northwestern sections of San Salvador late Monday.

The blasts, accompanied by sporadic fire of automatic rifles, were centred near the slopes of the San Salvador volcano and the wealthy Escalon neighbourhood, where rebels have launched two major assaults during the offensive, police said. They had no further details on the explosions.

In Zzatecoluca, the armed forces said eight guerrillas were killed and one government soldier wounded during the combat, that began at 3 a.m. (0900 GMT) and ended around midday.

One woman was killed when a rocket-propelled grenade landed on her house and a child died after being caught in crossfire between the two sides, the spokesman said.

President Alfredo Cristiani suspended diplomatic relations with Nicaragua for allegedly supplying the rebels with the missiles after a light plane crashed carrying 24 SAM-7s two weeks into the offensive.



A Salvadorean soldier sprays the street with M-16 rifle in Soyapango, San Salvador, as government forces advance towards rebel positions. Graffiti on wall reads "Dialogue".

Cristiani reported the rebels had used SAM-7s for the first time last week but they have yet to down air force jets, which along with other aircraft have been used with devastating effect during the offensive.

The armed forces spokesman said rebels had retreated to the flanks of a volcano above Zzatecoluca, after advancing to a war-battered hospital inside the city limits. In San Salvador, a pre-trial

hearing for a U.S. churchworker charged with hoarding arms for the rebels was postponed Monday because of confusion over how to enforce El Salvador's state of siege laws.

Connecticut native Jennifer Casolo could make her first court appearance Tuesday facing charges under recently approved "anti-terrorist" laws, court officials said.

"We did a perfect launch, just beautiful," said Vice Admiral Roger Bacon, commander of the Atlantic submarine fleet on board the USNS Range Sentinel.

The launch followed a morning of struggle between the 57-metre NV Greenpeace crewed by the protesters and several navy ships determined to clear the area for the test and not allow a repeat of a July 28 test halted by Greenpeace.

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